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In the above-referenced patent application, on behalf of **St. Jude Medical Puerto Rico B.V.**, I hereby appoint the Dorsey & Whitney LLP attorneys and agents associated with **Customer Number 25763** and V. Roland Smith (Reg. No. 37,727) to prosecute the patent application identified above and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith, including full power of association, substitution, and revocation.

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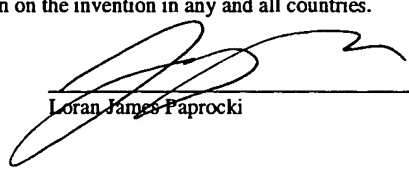
WHEREAS, I, Loran James Paprocki, residing in St. Louis Park, MN 55426, have invented certain new and useful improvements as described in an application entitled **Segmented Plug for Tissue Tracts** for Letters Patent of the United States, the application having been executed on even date herewith and/or being identified in the United States Patent and Trademark Office by Application No. 10/692,277 filed October 23, 2003; and

WHEREAS, St. Jude Medical Puerto Rico B.V., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of The Netherlands, and having offices at Drentesraat 20, 1083HK, Amsterdam, The Netherlands ("Assignee"), is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to the invention, the application, and any and all Letters Patent or similar legal protection, foreign or domestic, to be obtained therefor;

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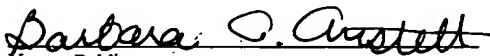

Loran James Paprocki

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Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public, this 24 day of May, 2004.


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